

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 72402

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): van Bommel

Appln No.: 10/037,960

Filed: November 9, 2001

For: METHOD OF REMOVING THE
FIBROUS SHELLS FROM CEREAL
GRAINS

Group Art

Unit: 1761

Examiner: A.J. Weier

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
ATTENTION: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- Included with this amendment are clean paragraphs/claims and marked-up paragraphs/claims according to 37 C.F.R. §1.121.
- Response to Restriction Requirement.
- No additional fee is required.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	3	-	** =	0	x \$ 84.00 = \$ 0.00
Total Claims	20	-	* =	0	x \$ 18.00 = \$ 0.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims				\$ 280.00	
	** At least 3			Total Additional Fee	\$ 0.00
	* At least 20				
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status, thus reducing the fee by half to:					\$ 0.00

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In a restriction requirement dated September 23, 2002, the Examiner has grouped the claims in the above-identified application as follows:

- I. Claims 1-18, 20 and 21 to a method of removing fibrous shells from cereal grains; and
- II. Claim 19 to a method of using said treated cereal grains.

Applicant hereby elects Group I for continued prosecution. With this response, Applicant is canceling claims 1-21 and replacing them with new claims 22-41, which Applicant believes fall within Group I as elected.